

PEACE IN EQUITABLE DEAL

RYAN AND HARRIMAN AGREED ON THE SALE.

Their Troubles Were Patched Up Before the Latter's Death—Renewed Reports of Various Great Banking Combinations Follow the Announcement.

Information regarding the circumstances leading to the transfer of stock control in the Equitable Life Assurance Society to J. P. Morgan showed yesterday that the transfer was effected with harmonious relations among the financial interests which were as hostile as possible at the time Thomas F. Ryan bought stock control from James Hazen Hyde.

The party in control of the National City Bank, which is in the ascendancy in the Mutual Life bond, approved the new arrangement heartily, though such an endorsement could not have been expected before the panic. Still more curious was the information that Thomas F. Ryan and E. H. Harriman settled their differences before Mr. Harriman's departure for Europe last spring and actually arranged to go into partnership in the stock control which Mr. Harriman sought pugnaciously but vainly four years before.

The panic brought James Stillman, then president and now chairman of the National City Bank, into close cooperation with Mr. Morgan in measure for relief of the financial situation. In the two years since the panic the good feeling has become a close association, until this year Mr. Morgan, Mr. Stillman and George F. Baker, chairman of the First National Bank, have cooperated as never before in the important financing necessary for railroad and industrial companies on the recovery of general business from the depression following the panic. Most of the very many bond issues that have been brought out and distributed among investors have carried with them announcements that the issues had been taken by J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank and the First National Bank.

The knowledge that the City Bank party, with control of the Mutual Life, approved the new interest in the Equitable Life was pertinent and confirmatory evidence of the harmonious relations established among the most prominent bankers of the city and country. Incidentally the knowledge of the City Bank's satisfaction with the transaction gave rise to the inevitable rumor of a big merger of the biggest banking interests in the city. The transaction in this way was even connected with the movement for the establishment of a central bank of issue, for it was argued that harmonious relations among the bankers made more probable the success of this movement and agreement among them as to the method of managing such an institution. Such rumors, though interesting, were altogether too vague and indefinite to receive the slightest official sanction.

Similarly reports spread to the effect that a syndicate was in course of organization for the purpose of taking over the third interest in the National Bank of Commerce held by the Equitable Life and the Mutual Life. Forms were also suggested for the acquisition of the holdings of the Equitable Life in the Equitable and Mercantile trust companies. The favorite plan was for a merger of these companies with the Bankers Trust Company or both, and the establishment of by far the biggest trust company in the city. No such syndicate or merger plans are under way, but it was nowhere denied that the change of stock control in Equitable Life makes easier the task of disposing of the bank stocks, trust company stocks and other stock holdings to the advantage of the society. There remain two years in which to elaborate and make effective all these plans.

The news of peace between the Harriman party and Thomas F. Ryan and his associates was late news, for the peace was made last May, but it bore on the same idea of close harmony among all the important financial groups. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Harriman, it became known, reached an agreement on the very point on which they disagreed. Mr. Ryan agreed to turn over to Mr. Harriman that half interest in the Equitable stock which he demanded at the time of the sale of James Hazen Hyde's holdings.

At the time of the life insurance investigation, "explained a banker familiar with all the circumstances," the alteration was fresh in the minds of both men and both gave utterance to expressions that reflected the bitterness of the controversy. Mr. Harriman considered it disgusting that such a person as Mr. Ryan should presume to control a company in which the public had so much at stake and promised to put Mr. Ryan out of business. Mr. Ryan looked on Mr. Harriman as the objectionable person and could not conceive the bare idea of tolerating a man of Mr. Harriman's financial reputation.

But as soon as both men paused to consider that a life insurance investigation was not the only thing in the world for a life insurance company the great object of financial existence, they resumed business with each other in much the same way, though of course not altogether as intimately, as before the trouble broke out. While the strife was most intense, in fact, the Equitable made plans to Mr. Harriman, to which Mr. Ryan made no objection, and Mr. Harriman did not cease to use his influence to the advantage of the Equitable society. As Mr. Harriman's influence in corporate affairs increased in the three years before his death it became constantly more useful to the society. Recognition of this circumstance on the part of Mr. Ryan, for whom it may be said that he did not let personal matters interfere with the company's management, made him finally willing that Mr. Harriman should share control of the society with him.

Accordingly last May, soon before Mr. Harriman's departure for Europe on that vain search for cure from unknown disease, it was no difficult matter for third parties to bring the two men together. The meeting resulted in an agreement that Mr. Ryan would turn over at the price he paid with interest, in accordance with the agreement Mr.

HARRIMAN NOMINATED AS TRUSTEE

W. DeForest and Robert Goetz. Another well informed banker cited an instance of the supposed enemies working together on various propositions. Only for a short time, it seems, was the hostility between them bitter enough to induce either to block a profitable transaction.

The stock which Mr. Ryan agreed to turn over to Mr. Harriman could not be delivered until the expiration of the voting trust in June, 1910, for all of it was deposited with the trustees. In this respect the transaction was not completed, and after the death of Mr. Harriman the estate was not desirous, even if it had the power, to perfect the agreement. Mr. Ryan was willing to annul it, and it was he personally that subsequently concluded the arrangement with Mr. Morgan.

It is understood that the price in the transaction with Mr. Morgan is the same as that asked by Mr. Ryan in his offer to the Equitable society last year, that is, \$2,500,000 and 4 per cent. interest from the time of the purchase of the stock from Mr. Hyde. With the sale, it was reported on good authority, goes an agreement to sell the stock to the society at the same majority of the shares of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Allan Ryan, son of Thomas F. Ryan, said yesterday that the sole object in the transfer of the stock was that gradual retirement from responsible duties which Mr. Ryan decided upon and announced two years ago. Since that time he has resigned from many boards and greatly curtailed his activities in the management of all his important business enterprises. Mr. Ryan is in excellent health, but in the last two years, as at present, he spends much of his time in Virginia and other sections where he places health and recreation ahead of business.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life, explained the transaction in this statement yesterday:

"As stated by Mr. Morgan, he has bought Mr. Ryan's stock, thereby securing a majority of the shares of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. "While Mr. Ryan held these shares his attitude was in every way commendable, as he did not seek to interfere with the management in the slightest degree. "As nearly as it could be done he gave to the society mutualization, under which arrangement the policyholders now elect a majority of the directors, their number on the board being twenty-eight out of a total of fifty-two. He should be given great credit for what he did for the society in the time of his troubles and is entitled to the thanks of all the policyholders. Under Mr. Morgan's ownership of the majority stock of the society its affairs will be conducted as heretofore by its board of directors with an eye single to the interests of its policyholders."

At Mr. Morgan's office nothing was given out supplementary to the statement of the preceding day. But nowhere was it suggested that any change in either the management or the organization of the society is contemplated in the near future.

FIRE BREAKS UP A WHIST.

Every One Got Out Safely, However, Including the Grossman Children.

Fire was discovered on the ground floor of Lexington Hall, at 107 East 100th street, late yesterday afternoon, and by the time the fire companies arrived the building was a mass of flame. A whist party for charity was being held, and the forty women who attended it made a rush for the exits. The party was in the main hall on the first floor, so that every one got out safely. Lexington Hall is a three story building. On the top floor lived Herman Grossman, the owner, and his family. When Mrs. Grossman, who was at home, heard that there was a fire in the house, she started to carry her four children down stairs, with the assistance of two servants, Olga, Camil and Annie Yano. After they had reached the sidewalk the mother looked for her eighteen-month-old baby, Mortimer. In the rush Mortimer had been left behind, they found.

Olga, the servant, hurried up to the third floor and grabbed the baby. When she reached the first floor on the way back she fainted, but was taken from the building and the baby was cared for. None of the Grossman family was hurt.

The flames spread rapidly and the firemen had a job to hold the adjacent buildings safe. Deputy Chief Callahan sent in a second alarm to make sure. For nearly two hours during the fire traffic was blocked along 100th street and Lexington avenue. According to Grossman the loss on the building and its contents is about \$25,000. Lexington Hall was filled with furniture bought at auction from Phil Daly's famous gambling house at Long Branch, and the tapestries alone are said to have been valuable. Seventeen weddings were scheduled for this month. It was one of the places in which Emma Goldman was hauled down once from the platform by the police.

MORE AERO CLUB TROUBLE.

Courts To Be Asked to Declare the Constitution and By-Laws Illegal.

The factional fight in the Aero Club of America, which was carried to the courts at the time of the annual election of officers in November, is again to take legal form. Lee S. Burridge, a member of the anti-Bishop forces, said yesterday that papers had been served on W. H. Page, counsel for Cortland Field Bishop, president of the club, in the first suit. It is alleged by the complainants that the constitution and by-laws of the club are illegal and that the club is run by five directors. Other members are only members in name. The directors will be asked to open the books to all members and give an account of all club proceedings. They will also be asked to answer why members have been received under a misrepresentation. The plaintiffs represented are Messrs. Hill and Gutron; who were candidates on the anti-Bishop ticket. At the time of the election the opposing faction filed an application for an injunction to prevent the use of proxies. The injunction was denied by Judge McCall on the ground that the club had made use of proxies at former elections. The Bishop ticket won by a large majority. Mr. Bishop, who is at his Lenox home, will return to New York on Tuesday, when there will be a meeting of the directors. Francis Carmody is counsel for the complainants.

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CATHOLIC QUITS U. OF P. BOARD

W. G. SMITH RESENTS PROFESSOR'S DIVORCE VIEWS.

Insists That Dr. J. P. Lichtenberger Should Not Be Retained and When Overruled Offers Resignation—Offered at Paper Read to Sociologists.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Because he could not sanction either the views on marriage and divorce held by Prof. J. P. Lichtenberger or his retention in the faculty of the Wharton School, Walter George Smith has resigned from the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, with which he had been associated for eighteen years.

Mr. Smith's objection to the professor was based on a paper which the latter read at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Society in Atlantic City last December in which he supported the views of Prof. George E. Howard of the University of Nebraska, as expressed in a paper on "Is Free Divorce an Evil."

In his paper Prof. Lichtenberger expresses this view: "Popular moral sentiment recognizes worse evils than divorce and has come not only to approve but to encourage the breaking of the conventional marriage tie rather than the crushing of the human spirit."

Mr. Smith is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and as such is an ardent opponent of divorce, and the expressed opinion of Prof. Lichtenberger is decidedly at variance with his views. From the viewpoint of Mr. Smith they were opinions to which the university by retaining the professor in the Wharton School gives a degree of support.

The announcement that Mr. Smith had resigned from the board of trustees created lively interest at the university among both students and faculty. Persons who were in a position to know the history of the fight which he made as a trustee to have Prof. Lichtenberger ousted refused to talk. Provost Harrison declined to make a further statement on the public announcement of Smith's resignation.

Mr. Smith gave out a statement in which the cause of his step was clearly indicated, and Prof. Lichtenberger when questioned regarding the affair gave out a copy of the Atlantic City paper which caused the trouble.

Mr. Smith's statement follows: "Mr. Walter George Smith, being shown the memorandum furnished by Provost Harrison of the university in relation to his resignation from the board of trustees, stated that he had presented his resignation on or about the 27th of May last and that the same had been laid over by the trustees until their November meeting, when it was accepted."

The reason for resigning was because of a difference of opinion between himself and the board as to the propriety of the election of Dr. J. P. Lichtenberger to the position of an associate professor in the Wharton School of the university. His objections to Dr. Lichtenberger were not based upon any limitation of personal character or ability, but because of the views expressed by him at the meeting of the American Sociological Society held at Atlantic City, December 28 to 30, 1908, which appear in the transactions of that society on page 190.

"The discussion referred to was upon the subject of a paper by Prof. George E. Howard of the University of Nebraska entitled 'Is Free Divorce an Evil?' Mr. Smith was of the opinion that the views held by Dr. Lichtenberger were not such as could be properly held by a professor in the university in the department which he occupied, especially dealing with sociological questions."

Prof. Lichtenberger was interviewed at his home to-night. The paper which offended the views of Mr. Smith and which he permitted the reporter to read follows:

"We might as well seek to stop suicide by prohibitive legislation as to divorce. The same method that Prof. Howard has indicated is constructive treatment of the cases rather than destructive treatment of the results. Marriage in the aspect we are discussing is the legal sanction of the social custom of the family."

"It is dependent upon law neither for its institution nor for its perpetuation. "The honored landmarks of religious authority have been obliterated and the new basis has not yet been fully established. The case is not different in the sphere of ethics. With the changed point of view have come new ethical valuations. The stern morality of Puritanism on theoretical standards is being replaced by a practical morality arising out of our changed social conditions."

"As a combined result, virtue no longer consists in literal obedience to arbitrary standards set by community or church, but rather in conduct consistent with the demands of a growing personality. "Whereas piety in marriage once consisted in loyalty to the institution, and any suffering which might arise was to be endured rather than to bring reproach upon any institution vested with peculiar divine sanction, to-day our ethical and religious ideas cause us to feel that marriage was made for man and not man for marriage and that the moral value of marriage lies in the mutual happiness of those who enter into it."

"Popular moral sentiment, which more than ever regards the ideal marriage as the supreme method of realizing perpetuity and the education of the race, nevertheless recognizes worse evils than divorce and has come not only to approve but to encourage the breaking of the conventional marriage tie to the crushing of the human spirit."

Prof. Lichtenberger came to the University of Pennsylvania from the New York School of Philanthropy. He holds a prominent rank among students in sociology in this country. Mr. Smith was the only Catholic on the board of trustees. He is an active member of the State Bar Association and is prominent in Catholic society. He is a graduate of the university, having received his degree in 1876, and he was admitted to the bar the following year.

YOU CAN'T BUY A BETTER BOTTLE THAN THE KREMENTZ One Piece—there's none so good. A. S.

DROWNED WHILE HUNTING.

President of a Washington National Bank Meets Death in a Sinkbox.

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 3.—R. H. Lynn of Leesburg, Va., president of the American National Bank of Washington and president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company, was drowned while gunning for ducks to-day near the mouth of the Susquehanna River. In company with William Selby, cashier of the American National Bank, and Griffin Halstead, a Washington broker, Mr. Lynn started out late last night on a duck hunting expedition in the yacht Spray. Three Elkton hunters, who were also reliable watermen, went along to aid the Washingtonians.

The party reached the ducking grounds about daybreak and took turns at shooting after they had laid out their sinkbox and decoys. At 10 o'clock Mr. Selby left the sinkbox and Mr. Lynn took his place. Several others in the party went to a spot 150 yards away at about this time to observe with glasses the effect of the shots. Suddenly the observers noticed the sinkbox disappear under water. They gave the alarm to other duck hunters who were on the ground and hastened to the rescue.

After some labor the box was raised and the body of Mr. Lynn was found in it. It was believed at first that he had been shot in some manner, but after a close examination no wounds could be found. There was a hole, however, in the sinkbox which evidently caused it to go down. According to Mr. Lynn's companions, he had fired his gun just before the sinkbox went down and probably had been stunned. For that reason he was unable to come to the surface.

Mr. Lynn was 42 years old. He was elected president of the American National Bank about a year ago to succeed Robert M. Harper. His wife and child survive him. The American National Bank is a financial institution in a building at the corner of Washington and Virginia, and his father-in-law, Henry Gassaway Davis, are heavily interested.

MIDDIES TO KEEP SOBER.

Student Body Takes Action Against French Leave and Drinking.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—A movement is under way to secure an agreement between the midshipmen body, particularly the first class men, and the Naval Academy authorities in the matter of drinking and visiting places where intoxicants are sold in Annapolis and the kindred evil of "frenching," or absence without leave.

It is understood that the matter has been discussed at a meeting of the first class, and that the first steps toward reaching an understanding with Supt. Bowyer by which the first class men will cooperate with him against such practices have been taken.

Midshipman V. L. Meyer, president of the class and also captain of the football team, said to-night that he did not care to talk of the matter, as it pertained to the private action of the class. He added that the matter was entirely voluntary and not induced by the authorities.

It is possible that the authorities may deal leniently with some recent offenders, particularly a prominent member of the first class now under charges of drunkenness, if assured that violations of the kind shall cease.

ABOLISH CANAL COMMISSION.

The Administration Will Approve the Mann Bill Providing for It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—After a conference to-day with President Taft representative Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, made the statement that the Administration will approve the Mann bill providing for the abolishment of the Panama Canal Commission. The bill provides that the commission will be legislated out of existence, as Representative Tawney and the other members who recently visited Panama are agreed that the canal work can more satisfactorily be pushed if sole authority is vested in one man. The President shares this view.

Mr. Tawney also discussed with the President the work to be done in Congress at the coming session to keep the canal in operation. The President will operate to the fullest with the House and the Senate leaders to the end that appropriations shall be kept within the revenues of the Government. "On this proposition the legislative and the executive governments are in accord," said Representative Tawney.

"That wasn't the case a year ago, was it?" he was asked. "No, it wasn't," replied Mr. Tawney, "but it is now."

\$10,000 FROM MR. STILLMAN.

Banker's Gift to Catholic Church to Provide a Fund for Christmas Presents.

St. Agnes's Roman Catholic Church in East Forty-third street, it was learned yesterday, received from James Stillman a check for \$10,000 to be applied to buying Christmas presents for the poor children of the parish. This is the second check for that amount donated to the church by Mr. Stillman, who is not a Roman Catholic. Mr. Stillman has sent other money to the Rev. Henry A. Brann, the pastor, for charitable purposes. The interior from the first check was the maintenance of the day nursery in the parish.

Father Brann called on Thanksgiving Day for Rome on a leave of absence of seven months, but Father E. F. Duffy, his assistant, will see that the children of the parish have a fine Christmas.

GAGE NO THEOSOPHIST.

Declares That Mrs. Tingle Was Only a Neighbor at Point Loma.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—"Theosophy? Ridiculous. I am a member of no cult. The fact that Mrs. Tingle was my neighbor probably gave rise to that report. It was too absurd to notice heretofore," said Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury, to-day.

Surprises are in store for Gage's old friends. Mr. Gage wears a Vandycle beard and gray mustache, and his whiskers were full and flowing in the days when Chicago was his home. The silk hat is missing and in its place is a soft felt one.

"I'm a private citizen now. Silk hats are for bankers," said Mr. Gage.

FINE PIECE OF LIFESAVING.

DONE BY THREE POLICEMEN AT THE FRISCO HOUSE.

Moses Leaned Back Out of Window and Let Boy and Man Drop on His Chest—Man Dies Trying to Save Woman and Child in South St. Rooming House.

Three persons were burned to death early this morning in a small fire on the top floor of a rooming house at 83 South street. The dead are Mrs. Mary Braun, her four-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, and a chandler, known to the other occupants of the house only as George, a man about 42 years old, who died in an attempt to rescue Mrs. Braun and her daughter.

The rooming house is known as the Frisco House and it occupied the three upper floors of a four story brick building. On the ground floor is a saloon. The upper floors sheltered some families. Frank Braun, his wife, Mary, and their two children, Elizabeth and a three-year-old boy, Frank, lived in two rooms in the rear of the top floor.

Charles Pellouschene, a watchman on the Mallory Line pier, across from the rooming house, discovered the fire at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Flames were then coming from the windows of the rear rooms of the fourth floor. While an alarm was being sent in Policemen Foley, Moses and Gavigan of the Johns street station house broke into the rear of the building and started upstairs. They were blocked at the landing of the third floor by the fire creeping down the hallway.

There were no fire escapes on the rear of the building. The policemen, unable to reach the top floor by the stairs and having no ladders, went into the rooms on the third floor, immediately below the fire, with the idea of trying to get up on the cornice.

In the rooms they entered they found Mrs. Kate Fay and her two children, Mary, aged 11, and Joseph, aged 3, overcome by smoke.

These they carried downstairs and returned to the room. Braun, the father, was leaning out of the window above with the boy in his arms. Policeman Moses lay on his back across the window sill, held from falling out by the other two policemen, and told the father to drop the boy. Braun obeyed and the child, striking the policeman's chest, slid down his body as on a chute to the arms of the two policemen inside. The father then let himself down as far as he could and he too dropped on the policeman, and was slid off into the room. The arms of the three policemen eased this fall so that Moses's back was able to stand the strain.

Braun told the policeman that his wife and daughter were in the rooms upstairs. They had tried to get out by the hall, found their way blocked and had been unable to return to the window. Their bodies were found by the firemen a few minutes later.

The man known as George had started from the building with the other tenants but had returned to see if he could help those on the top floor. He was found close to the door of the Braun rooms.

ST. LOUIS FLIER IN A SMASH.

Fast P. B. R. Train From New York Runs Into Broken Rail in Indiana.

LEWISVILLE, Ind., Dec. 3.—The St. Louis-New York flyer, No. 24, on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked near here at 9 o'clock to-night when it ran into a broken rail. The express car plunged down an embankment and three express messengers were seriously injured.

Reports by telephone indicate that none of the passengers was seriously hurt. All who had not retired to their berths were thrown from their seats and bruised and cut when the coaches were brought to a sudden stop by jamming into the baggage car, which was thrown at right angles across the track.

After the smash the conductor hastened across fields to a farmhouse and telephoned to Louisville. The brakeman ran back along the track and flagged a freight train which was running half an hour behind the passenger train.

ANDREE BALLOON, PERHAPS.

Strange Story Eskimos Told to Priest May Explain Arctic Explorer's Fate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—An interesting story which may disclose the fate of the long lost Andree, the explorer who left Lulea in a balloon three years ago in search of the north pole and never returned, is told by Bishop Albert Pascal of Prince Albert, who has been the guest of a religious house in Ottawa but has now left for his diocese. Bishop Pascal has charge of an immense territory extending theoretically to the pole.

There is a priest, Father Turquotte, who resides at Reindeer Lake and has traveled extensively among the Eskimos in the northern part of the region in order to learn their language. On one occasion recently he went with a nomadic party about six days journey to the north of Reindeer Lake and there met another party of Eskimos.

Noticing a revolver which the priest carried, the Eskimos told him that some years before a "white house" (balloon) had descended from the sky. It contained white men who had killed many caribou to supply themselves with food. The Eskimos estimated that the white men were in a half starving condition. None of the men was now living, they said, but the "white house" was still in existence and was used by members of the tribe as a source of supply for rope, with which it was covered.

It is thought that this may explain the disappearance of Andree and his company, as Andree may have landed at the place indicated and perished there. Father Turquotte, Bishop Pascal said, will make another journey shortly and endeavor to get at all facts in connection with the story.

GAYNOR TO SPEAK ON CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor-elect William J. Gaynor Will Make an Address on "Municipal Government" at the Opening of the Season of the New Rochelle Forum on Sunday Afternoon, December 12. This will be his first platform appearance since the election.

Cardinal Gibbons urged Catholics to use the Annual Prayer Book, which was published by the National Catholic Book Concern, Baltimore. For sale by book and stationery stores.

GUNS TRAINED ON CORINTO.

Vicksburg's Captain Tells Governor He Is Responsible for Americans' Safety.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. PANAMA, Dec. 3.—Cleared for action, with her guns trained on the palace of the Provisional Governor, the gunboat Vicksburg is in command of the situation at Corinto, Nicaragua, according to advices received here to-night.

Notice was served on the Governor that the United States warship would hold him personally responsible for any harm that might befall Americans in Corinto. Added emphasis was given to this notice by the further statement that the Vicksburg would train her guns on the palace and shoot it full of holes the moment the commander received news of an attack on an American.

Americans in Nicaragua are leaving by every available steamer and few of them now remain. Reports here are that Zelaya has been receiving secret support from Germany.

MAKES A MIRAGE TO ORDER.

Johns Hopkins Professor Reproduces Desert's Optical Illusion.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—It is no longer necessary to travel the deserts of Africa or the burning wastes of Arizona to see a real mirage.

Dr. Robert W. Wood, professor of experimental physics at Johns Hopkins University, to-day showed his classes and other Hopkins students who were interested a miniature mirage that showed as perfectly as is possible in a laboratory experiment the realism and vividness of this hallucination.

Prof. Wood produced the desert with a sheet of iron 15 feet long, covered with sand which he heated with gas burners. A mirror reflected the sun upon a white sheet of paper at one end of the artificial desert, which paper served as the clear sky line.

When the sand got fairly hot and one looked along its surface at some little piles of sand at the end toward the white paper one could almost believe that just a little way in front of the piles of sand there was a pool of crystal water on the sand dunes.

MOVING SIDEWALK PLAN.

Board of Estimate Favors One on Thirtieth Street From Second to Ninth Ave.

The Board of Estimate at its meeting yesterday passed a resolution recommending the installation of an experimental moving sidewalk line under Thirty-fourth street between Second and Ninth avenues. The Public Service Commission submitted to the board some time ago a plan for such a sidewalk under Broadway, but the board announced yesterday that it did not favor trying the plan on north and south thoroughfares for fear that it might interfere with contemplated subway construction.

CHAUFFEUR PLEADS GUILTY.

O'Hanlon Admits Manslaughter in Killing Miss Bott.

John O'Hanlon, a chauffeur, pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter before Judge Swann in General Sessions yesterday and was remanded to the Tombs to await trial, no date yet being set.

On October 1 last O'Hanlon ran over and killed Miss Bott, 23 years old, of 454 West Seventeenth street. Miss Bott was crossing Ninth avenue at Twenty-third street when O'Hanlon's machine struck her. He tried to get away, but George W. Callaghan, 14 years old, who saw the accident and is the chief witness against the chauffeur, jumped on the automobile and got its license number.

SAVED BY SWIMMING ASHORE.

Marietta's Men Reached Land With Difficulty—Five Still Missing.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 3.—Mail advices have reached here from Port Limon, Costa Rica, to the effect that the five men of the Marietta who reached shore when two boats belonging to the gunboat were swept seaward in a storm on November 26 saved themselves by abandoning their boat and swimming to the shore.

They reached the land with great difficulty. The five men in the other boat have not yet been found although a wide search has been made for them.

TRUST FOR LILUOKALANI.

Deposed Queen of Hawaii Makes a Settlement of All Her Property.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. HONOLULU, Dec. 3.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has given a deed of trust covering all her property valued at \$200,000 to W. O. Smith, A. S. Cleghorn and Curtis P. Lauken. They are to manage the estate and pay her the revenue during her life.

At her death, with the exception of a few annuities, all the estate is to go to the endowment of orphan asylums for Hawaiian and part Hawaiian children. A singular feature of the arrangement is that Smith, one of the trustees, was prominent in the revolution that deposed Queen Liliuokalani.

ARMY CAPTAINS FIGHT.

Forsyth and Scales Placed Under Arrest After a Row in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Nov. 23, via San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Capt. William D. Forsyth and Capt. Walter B. Scales, troop commanders of the Fifth Cavalry, have been placed under arrest by Col. Walter C. Schuyler for engaging in a fight in the officers' mess club at Schofield barracks. It seems the two Captains quarrelled and one called the other a liar. At once they fought and spectators saw the liveliest scarp witnessed here in many months. Finally they were separated before any serious damage was done.

Scales was a football player and all around athlete at West Point, but Forsyth, who is husky, held his own in the battle.

The Red Ball Not Up.

There was ice on the lake in Van Cortlandt Park yesterday, but only the very lightest. At that it was strong enough to support the falling golf balls that some folks drove over it just to see if they'd sink when they fell.

ZELAYA PREPARED TO FLEE

MONOTONTO WAITS AT CORINTO WITH STEAM UP.

No One Allowed to Land From Ship for San Francisco—Quiet Day at Washington—Navy Department Can Land 1,500 Men Quickly in Nicaragua.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—When the Pacific Mail liner Peru, which arrived here to-day, left Corinto on November 15 President Zelaya had all plans laid for his escape from the country if flight should prove necessary or advisable. The Nicaraguan gunboat Monotombo was at Corinto with steam up and anchored conveniently for a hasty dash to sea.

On board the vessel was a picked crew and, only a few officers were allowed ashore at any time. The ship was loaded and provisioned to its full capacity and had been relieved of all duty except to await Zelaya's personal orders.

Little could be learned by the Peru of the revolution. The vessel's cargo was handled by soldiers and no one was allowed to go ashore without a passport.